

FEBRUARY 22nd, 2011 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

Legislative Resolution No. LR11-04

Introduced by Senator Gordon Real Bird, Jr. (Mighty Few District)

Chairman, Education Committee

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Authorize and Support a Crow Tribal Application for Federal Grant Funding for the Apsaalooke Nation Language Immersion Nests Project

Legislative Findings:

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislature (“Legislature”) has the power and duty to adopt resolutions and guidelines for the governance of the Crow Tribe of Indians in accordance with the Article V, Section 2(a) of the 2001 Crow Constitution and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Apsaalooke Nation has established the Crow language as its official language; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that it is in the interest of the Apsaalooke Nation to promote and maintain its culture, history and language, with full respect; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Education Department, the songbird Daycare Centers, the Crow Head Start and the Little Big Horn College are established for the purpose of providing educational services for Crow Tribal members, and have aligned their services to promote fluency in the Crow language; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Native Americans in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has called for proposals for the Esther Martinez Language Immersion Initiative, with a deadline of March 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Education Department has developed the Apsaalooke Language Immersion Nests Project through a partnership of the aforementioned Crow Tribal educational entities, with the following goal and objectives:

Project Goal: The goal is to build the comprehensive language learning capacity of the Crow Language Immersion Nests of the Songbird Daycare Centers and the Crow Head Start Program, to create Crow language proficiency in 75 (daycare), 150 (Head Start) Crow Indian children aged 0-5, and 220 young parents/guardians of the children, for Crow speaking family units of the newest tribal generation (over the three-year project period).

Objective 1: Build program capacity in teachers, providers, administrators and program staff members in language immersion methodology, to provide instruction in which the dominant medium of instruction is the Crow language, and the content and context is in the Crow Indian culture, for implementation of Crow Language Immersion Nests: Year 1 -Songbird Daycare Centers; Year 2 - Three Year Old Head Start Classrooms; and Year 3 - Four Year Old Head Start Classroom.

Objective 2: Provide Crow language proficiency training of 225 parents and guardians of the Songbird Daycare children and the Crow Head Start children, assisting their speaking of the Crow language within the family; and in Crow Indian child rearing techniques, to create a family learning environment rich in the Crow language, years 1, 2 and 3.

Objective 3: Obtain broad-based participation of Crow Indian elders and language specialists through the establishment of a Council of Advisors, to assist the Crow language immersion nests in curriculum development and language immersion methodology, and for internal evaluation, years 1, 2 and 3.

Objective 4: Prepare fourteen Crow Indian language teachers with the Class 7 Certification, for Crow language teaching in the schools on the Crow Reservation, through a fellowship program and their enrollment in the Crow Studies associate degree at Little Big Horn College.

WHEREAS, the Project will have a proposed budget of \$375,000/year each year for three years, for a total of \$1,125,000, with a 20% match (\$75,000/yr).


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CROW TRIBAL
LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION:**

1. Restoring fluency to Crow Indian homes and integrating the spoken Crow language into the home environments of Crow children is a critical step to preserving and promoting the Crow language for all future generations of Crow Indians.
2. The Apsaalooke Language Immersion Nests Project is a critical step to restoring the Crow language through the development of Crow language teachers, the education of young Crow children in the Crow language, and the development of curriculum and supporting materials to encourage and expand the use of the Crow language and Crow child rearing techniques in the homes of young Crow families.
3. It is in the best interests of the Apsaalooke Nation to apply for funding from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Native Americans, Esther Martinez Language Immersion Initiative, to fund the Apsaalooke Language Immersion Nests Project.

4. The Crow Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and fully supports the Crow tribal application for funding from the Esther Martinez Language Immersion Initiative to fund the Apsaalooke Language Immersion Nests Project.

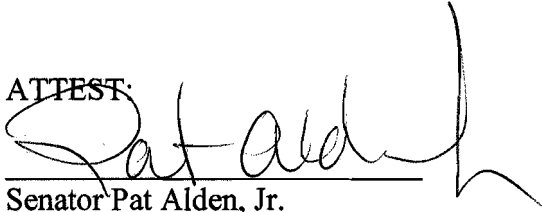
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution titled **A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Authorize and Support a Crow Tribal Application for Federal Grant Funding for the Apsaalooke Nation Language Immersion Nests Project** was duly enacted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 18 in favor 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining and that a quorum was present on this **22nd day of February, 2011.**



Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr.
Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:



Senator Pat Alden, Jr.
Secretary of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature



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Bill or Resolution: LR11-04 **Introduced by:** Senator Gordon Real Bird, Jr. **Date of Vote:** 2/22/2011
Number

<u>Representative:</u>	Yes	No	Abstained
H. Two Leggins	X	_____	_____
V. Pretty Paint	X	_____	_____
C. J. Stewart	X	_____	_____
K. Shane	X	_____	_____
S. Backbone	X	_____	_____
O. Half, Jr.	X	_____	_____
W. Plainfeather	X	_____	_____
R. Old Crow, Sr.	X	_____	_____
M. Not Afraid	X	_____	_____
V. Crooked Arm	X	_____	_____
L. DeCrane	X	_____	_____
C. Goes Ahead	X	_____	_____
B. Hugs	X	_____	_____
G. Real Bird, Jr.	X	_____	_____
M. Backbone	X	_____	_____
D. Wilson	X	_____	_____
P. Alden, Jr. <i>Secretary of the House</i>	X	_____	_____
M. Covers Up, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	X	_____	_____
Totals:	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

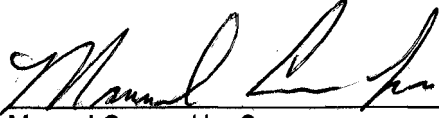
Result of Vote:

Passed

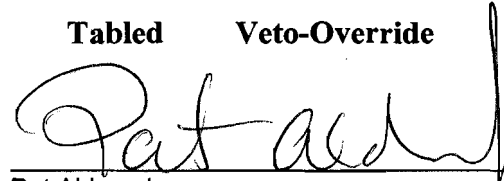
Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override



 Manuel Covers Up, Sr.
 Speaker of the House
 Date



 Pat Alden, Jr.
 Secretary of the House
 Date